SOUTHERN RENSSELAER COUNTY

All is not quiet on the cogen front, say neighbors

By Kristin Shaw

CASTLETON—Although the noise at the Fort Orange Paper Company and adjoining cogeneration plant on Route 9J reportedly was silenced, a few Boltwood Avenue residents turned up at Monday's Village Board meeting to complain.

Residents in the area have been plagued with noise problems for almost two months.

Plant representative Gregory Seaman said that 70% of the problems have been remedied, but 30% of the time safety valves on paper drying machines are tripped, causing the rushing noise residents hear

Mayor Seth Honeyman says the company has 30 days to fix the problem after which the village will take them to court

The fine for violating the village zoning law dealing with noise at industrial sites is $250 a day

The village board went on to discuss legislation initiated by the Town of Schodack which limits the Castleton water and sewer service area.

The proposed law inhibits developers from coming directly to Castleton to discuss hook-ups, said the mayor

"We are just not sure what they (Schodack) are getting at," said Mr. Honeyman. The Castleton board has requested a copy of the law to review it.

Road problems on Second Avenue are improving, according to residents, but the conditions are still not adequate.

Second Avenue residents have complained for months about deep and frequent potholes and a crumbling retaining wall

Although the potholes were patched, Mr Honeyman said work on the retaining wall will probably not take place this year.

"It is getting late in the season," he said, "but it is first on the agenda for next year."

Also at the meeting the board approved the bylaws for the Castleton Kids Daycare program run by the village.

Parents who work full-time can drop their kindergarten through third grade-age children off early in the morning and pick them up at 5 p.m.

"We wanted to lay out exact responsibilities for the board of trustees and the board of directors," Mr Honeyman said

"The program has gotten so big it needs to be controlled like any other business."

Some 80 children participate in the village-run day care program.

Youngsters from Boy Scout Troop #53 dropped by to thank the board for its sponsorship. The village has sponsored the troop since 1924, according to Mr Honeyman

The scouts will participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program, taking care of a section of Route 9J, periodically picking up the trash along that stretch of road

The next meeting of the village board is Monday, October 26 at 7 30 p.m at the Village Hall on Main Street

Public hearing eyes services for seniors

RENSSELAER—Seniors are encouraged to attend the public hearing and Halloween party scheduled for Thursday, October 29 at the Rensselaer Area Senior Service Center, 1249 Third Street.

The day begins with a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m and is followed by the public hearing presented by the Rensselaer County Department for Aging.

Questions and suggestions are encouraged regarding future provisions for older residents by the county, state and federal government.

Door prizes are given

A lunch of baked chicken leg teriyaki, for which reservations are needed, is followed by a Halloween party at 12:30 p.m.

Prizes are given for the funniest, scariest and most original costumes. If not in costume, a 50-cent donation is requested.

Refreshments are provided by Anna McCauley and her committee. Music is by the Dangerous Doubleknits.

Transportation is available.

For reservations for breakfast, lunch, or transportation, call the center at 463-2166.

Love Lutheran invites all to attend service

E. GREENBUSH—The congregation of Love Lutheran Church extends an invitation to join them for worship each Sunday morning at 9:30

Sunday School follows at 10:45 a.m.

Worship is led by Pastor Joel Janzow with Communion offered on first, third and fifth Sundays of each month.

The church is at the intersection of Middlesex Road and Pheasant Lane. For information and directions call the church office at 477-8685.

Harvest bazaar Saturday ends with spaghetti supper

RENSSELAER—The Rensselaer Senior Center Harvest Bazaar runs this year on Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It is followed by a spaghetti supper from 5 to 7 p.m at the center, 1249 Third Street

The bazaar offers home-baked goods and candy at the bakery booth, hand-crafted items at the crafts boutique, treasures in the white elephant booth, a chance to take home a bag of groceries, a Chinese auction booth, as well as quilting demonstrations and face painting.

The snack bar serves hot dogs, beans and beverages for lunch

A raffle features a quilt made by several senior center members as first prize and a holiday basket as second prize.

The spaghetti supper is served under the direction of chefs Tony DeMarco and Joe Grimaldi

Tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for children under 12 years and are available at the center or through senior members.

The menu includes salad, spaghetti, meatballs and sausage, Italian bread, dessert and coffee/tea

Serving hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. Take-outs are available.

Donations for all bazaar booths are needed. For information, call 463-2166.

Pack #76 starts year with pins

RENSSELAER—At Cub Scout Pack #76's first meeting of the year at Red Mill School Pack Master Paul Markowitz presented awards for activities completed over the summer

Jason Brown, Bobby Lehman and Lucas Shear were awarded silver arrow points.

Kurt Johnson earned his aquanaut, geologist, outdoorsman and readyman activity pins

David Spencer was awarded the geologist, outdoorsmen and readyman activity pins

Kurt and David, both first-year Webelos, were also presented summertime activity pins for attending the Cub Scout residential camp, Camp Boyhaven.

Many of the boys were also presented with service stars for one or more years in cub scouting

Advocates set reception for schools chief

E GREENBUSH—The Advocates for Children's Education sponsor a reception for Mr and Mrs. Terry Brewer Monday, October 19 at 7 30 p.m in the cafeteria of Columbia High School

Mr Brewer is the newly appointed superintendent of schools for the East Greenbush Central School District.

ACE invites all members of the community to attend this reception to welcome Mr and Mrs. Brewer, particularly as they are new to the East Greenbush area.

ACE is a collective community voice advocating children's interests through ongoing communications between the Board of Education, schools and residents of the school district

For information, call Kathy Kirsch, 479-3368 or Darcy Chrysogelos, 477-2459

Tour covers Troy history

TROY—Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway offers a tour of the "Rights Sites" of Troy, Saturday, October 17, as part of the tour series on "Neighborhoods"

The history of Troy is a tale of many cities, according to four organizers

It was a regional center of trade in the early 19th-century because of the transportation afforded by the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers and the Erie and Champlain Canals

By mid-century, it had become a leader in American industrial development because of the waterpower furnished by the smaller rivers running down its hills

The 19th-century was also a time when Trojans such as Emma Willard, Henry Highland Garnet and Kate Mullaney advanced the causes of women's suffrage, abolition of slavery, and better conditions for workers

Gateway offers a bus tour of sites connected with these power struggles

The tour begins at 10 a.m Saturday October 17 There is some walking downtown as well as visits by bus to outlying sites

The cost is $10 $9 for children under 12 and Gateway members

Paid reservations are required and can be made [illegible]

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